



**JOINT READINESS TRAINING CENTER
& FORT POLK
PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE**



MEDIA GROUND RULES

JRTC ROTATION

- *We appreciate your coverage of the training being conducted at the Joint Readiness Training Center. There are several guidelines that will help you get good coverage.*
 - Media will be escorted into the training area called the “box.” Public Affairs escorts will assist with access to training areas and soldiers participating in the exercise.
 - JRTC Observer/Controllers will also assist with facilitating access to training areas. Allow the PAO and O/C to coordinate media access to various units and activities.
 - Media must not interfere with role-play activities, but will be given ample opportunity to film and discuss aspects of the military operation being conducted.
 - Media will be given sensitive scenario information about specific events scheduled on a daily basis. This information is provided to media for planning purposes. Media must never discuss scheduled scenario events with participants. Also, do not disclose information about activities previously observed in other areas.
 - Media should be aware that there are some “role-play” media portraying various media organizations as part of the training scenario. Media actually covering the exercise should be identified as “real-world” media before conducting an interview. Work with the PAO escort and/or O/C on the ground, so exercise participants can come out of the scenario to talk with you.
 - “Real-world” media will not be required to wear MILES and are not part of the play. While the JRTC training staff has worked to maximize “real-world” media opportunities, it is important to avoid immediate areas where “role-play” media are involved in a training event. Trainers want to ensure maximum scenario training effectiveness.
 - Media are welcome to observe and film any role-play activity including events with “role-play” media. However, “real world” media should remain at a distance so that there is not scenario interference. The PAO and/or O/C will provide guidance.
 - Media will be transported in marked vehicles, which will give a high-level of access throughout training areas.
 - Media must wear issued badges at all times. Make sure individual media badges are visible. Media should report any lost badges to the PAO escort. A replacement will be issued immediately.
 - Roaming coverage will be allowed, however, the PAO escort and ground O/C must coordinate with the participating unit and exercise staff.
 - The use of white light or infrared is not authorized at night. Only night vision lens can be used.